

**Senate File 394 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the definition of eligible program for  
2 purposes of the future ready Iowa skilled workforce  
3 last-dollar scholarship program.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.131, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code  
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 *f. "Eligible program"* means a program of study or an  
4 academic major jointly approved by the commission and the  
5 department of workforce development, in consultation with an  
6 eligible institution, that leads to a credential aligned with a  
7 high-demand job designated by the workforce development board  
8 or a community college pursuant to section 84A.1B, subsection  
9 14. If the board or a community college removes a high-demand  
10 job from a list created under [section 84A.1B, subsection 14](#),  
11 an eligible student who received a scholarship for a program  
12 based on that high-demand job shall continue to receive the  
13 scholarship until achieving a postsecondary credential, up to  
14 an associate degree, as long as the student continues to meet  
15 all other eligibility requirements. "Eligible program" also  
16 means a program of study or an academic major at a community  
17 college that leads to a credential aligned with a job in early  
18 childhood education.

#### 19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill amends the definition of "eligible program" for  
23 purposes of the future ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar  
24 scholarship program to provide that an eligible program at a  
25 community college shall also include a program of study or an  
26 academic major that leads to a credential aligned with a job  
27 in early childhood education.

28 Currently, "eligible program" means a program of study or  
29 an academic major that leads to a credential aligned with a  
30 high-demand job as designated by the workforce development  
31 board or a community college. In creating a list of  
32 high-demand jobs, certain criteria must be met, including an  
33 entry-level hourly wage of not less than \$14.